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Karen should lead. But if not ..sure. All of this , down the agenda, should move quick, as an update, not a lot of discussion. We can talk

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Glenn, Somehow you got missed on this one.

I will sit in for you. Do I just read the desk statement on 8th Circuit? Do want other things on the table? --JD

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We put this together based on the feedback you provided to Glenn. Any more suggestions be sure to let us know, thanks!

EPA – Federal Update:

- 1. EPA budget in general, what we know
- 2. The latest on 8th Circuit decision and EPAs next step. See HQ Desk Statement below

Iowa League of Cities v EPA, Desk Statement, November 19, 2013

The Eighth Circuit's interpretation in Iowa League of Cities v EPA of EPA's regulations relating to blending and bypass is legally binding within the Eighth Circuit. Outside of the Eighth Circuit, EPA will continue to work with States and communities with the goal of finding solutions that protect public health and the environment while recognizing economic constraints and feasibility concerns, consistent with the Agency's existing interpretation of the regulations.

- 3. EPA Draft 2014-2018 Strategic Plan Update
- 4. Waters of the US Rule Status Update

It was noted that earlier EPA had acknowledged that the WoUS guidance/rule would be an expansion of the current universe. Now the press (Energy Guardian) reports AA Stoner indicated the following:

Stoner reiterated EPA's stance that the proposal will comply with Supreme Court rulings that required the agency to reduce the scope of waters subject to agency permitting. She said the plan, developed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, "means that EPA's jurisdiction will only include the protection of the same waters that have historically been covered under the Clean Water Act for the past 40 years – in fact, it will be a smaller set of waters than before the Supreme Court decision,"

- 5. What is the status of Water AA appointment? Any insight on Kopocis?
- 6. The latest Climate Change Initiative: EPA (read ahead http://epa.gov/climatechange/impacts-adaptation/fed-programs/EPA-impl-plans.html)

EPA and States Open Discussion:

1. State Budgets Future Outlook

How much do states rely on SRF Admin \$? What would be the plan if the House-published CWSRF cut of 83% and PWSRF cut of 62%; or the President's 20% and 7.5% cuts, respectively, took place?